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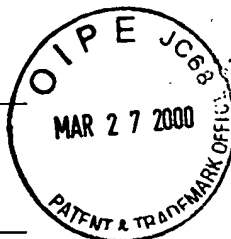
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In re application of:

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Application No.: 09/156,580

Filed: September 18, 1998

For: METHOD FOR SHORTENING
INTERNODE OF INFLORESCENCE BY
INTRODUCING PETUNIA
TRANSCRIPTION FACTOR PETSPL2

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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION
DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37
CFR §1.97 and §1.98

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Sir:

The references cited on attached form PTO-1449 are being called to the attention of the Examiner. Copies of the references are enclosed. In addition, applicant encloses herewith a copy of a European Search Report dated December 20, 1999, which was issued in conjunction with the counterpart European application No. 98307564.9 and in which these references were cited. It is respectfully requested that the cited information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and the references be made of record therein and appear among the "references cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

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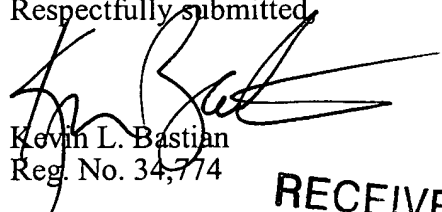
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This Petition is submitted in triplicate.

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